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**PARTNERSHIP  
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EDUCATORS**

**FREE  
EDUCATIONAL  
RESOURCES**

**Are you looking for new ideas for classroom resources and activities?**

**P.I.E. provides a variety of free educational resources for teachers in central Illinois. Here are just a few of the services that are available:**

- ✓ field trips
- ✓ weekend programs
- ✓ summer programs & camps
- ✓ curriculum packets
- ✓ classroom presentations
- ✓ library resources
- ✓ curriculum development assistance

**.....and more!**

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The Partnership of Informal Educators (P.I.E.) is composed of participating agencies with a focus on education. P.I.E. was developed as a forum for sharing information and resources with the educational community.

### **Mission Statement**

P.I.E. mutually supports the need to address common educational goals and challenges. P.I.E. is dedicated to developing an active network for communication between organizations with similar goals of educating the public about the arts, humanities, cultural resources, nature and the preservation of natural resources.

The following are just a few examples of community organizations that might benefit from the variety of services provided by the members of P.I.E.:

recycling solid waste education programs, local nature centers, forest preserve districts, zoos, art associations, children's museums, garden clubs, ecology clubs, and educational service organizations.

# PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



## Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (Illinois Audubon Society)

The IASAWSS 30 acres of woods and prairie restoration are the site of environmental education programs for children and adults.

**CALL 217/544-5781**

[www.springfield.k12.il.us/adamswildlife](http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/adamswildlife)

## Springfield Art Association

The SAA is a visual arts organization that promotes, supports, and provides educational opportunities for Springfield and the surrounding communities through a variety of programs, including:

- ✓ art classes
- ✓ summer art camp
- ✓ Art Appreciation Outreach program
- ✓ Michael Victor II Art Library
- ✓ visual arts exhibits.



**CALL 217/523-3507**

[www.springfieldart.org](http://www.springfieldart.org)

## Cahokia Mounds-State Historic Site

Cahokia Mounds State Historic and World Heritage Site is a 2,200-acre site preserving the central section of the largest prehistoric Indian city north of Mexico. Located at 30 Ramey Street, Collinsville, IL 62234 on Hwy 255 Exit 24.

**CALL 618/346-5160**

[www.cahokiamounds.com](http://www.cahokiamounds.com)

## City of Springfield–

### Division of Waste & Recycling

Provides information on the 3Rs—reduce, reuse & recycle—and much more related to personal responsibility and community issues, including: educational presentations for all ages and printed recycling program materials.



**CALL 217/789-2327**

[www.springfield.il.us](http://www.springfield.il.us)



## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

### Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs

#### DCCAs Recycling Education

Unit conducts workshops and interactive presentations for all ages with a focus on solid waste reduction, recycling, and reuse. Other resources available include the following:

- ✓ quarterly 3Rs newsletter
- ✓ teacher manuals
- ✓ free publications on recycling topics
- ✓ K-12 school recycling grant program
- ✓ "Case for Buying Recycled" kit

**CALL 217/785-2008**

[www.illinoisrecycles.com](http://www.illinoisrecycles.com)



### DCCAs Energy Education Development

#### Program (ILEED) provides:



- ✓ fall workshops
- ✓ summer camps
- ✓ summer internship programs
- ✓ energy curriculum & related publications
- ✓ other energy-related education programs

**CALL 217/785-3420**

[www.illinoisenergy.org](http://www.illinoisenergy.org)



### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

The IEPA's environmental education program focuses

on increasing the understanding of environmental issues and programs, and encouraging individual responsibility for reducing air, land and water pollution. The IEPA offers educational materials, grants, Internet on-line educational programs and student internships.

**CALL 217/524-8358**

[www.epa.state.il.us/education.html](http://www.epa.state.il.us/education.html)

## **Henson Robinson Zoo**

The HRZ offers the following educational activities:

- ✓ Animal Outreach programs
- ✓ birthday parties



- ✓ children's classes

- ✓ Camp-the-Zoo

- ✓ zoo camps

- ✓ adult volunteers

**CALL 217/753-6217**

**[www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org](http://www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org)**

## **Illinois State Museum**

The ISM focuses on the

art, anthropology and

natural history of Illinois.



The Museum's mission is to foster an understanding and appreciation of the natural, cultural, and artistic heritage of Illinois. A variety of exhibit-based guided and self-guided programs for pre-K-12 students are offered.

**CALL 217/782-7387**

**[www.museum.state.il.us](http://www.museum.state.il.us)**

## **Lincoln Home National Historic Site**



The Lincoln Home's mission is to interpret the life of Abraham Lincoln during the years he lived in Springfield at the home located on Eight and Jackson Streets.

**CALL 217/492-4241 xtn. 221**

**[www.nps.gov/liho](http://www.nps.gov/liho)**

## **Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center**

The Garden offers a variety of environmental educational programs for more than 6,000 children each year at its 100-acre site near Lake Springfield. Its prairies, woodlands and wetlands provide an excellent outdoor classroom for the Garden's nature-based programming.

This includes education programs offered both at the Garden and in schools



**CALL 217/529-1111**

## **Illinois Department of Natural Resources**

The mission of the IDNR is to raise the awareness of Illinois citizens, specifically students and educators, of the need to preserve, restore, enhance and manage our natural resources and promote a high quality of life.



**CALL 217/524-4126**

**<http://dnr.state.il.us>**

## **Sangamon County Department of Public Health**

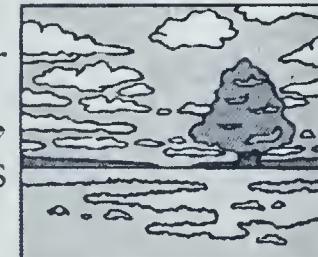
The County provides recycling presentations for grades K-12 including:

- ✓ papermaking
- ✓ recycle race
- ✓ mining for resources
- ✓ green consumer

**CALL 217/535-3100**

## **Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts**

The Association is responsible for promoting conservation of the soil, water and related natural resources of Illinois. It offers education programs that increase public awareness of best management practices.



**CALL 217/744-3414**

**[wwwaiswcdorg](http://wwwaiswcdorg)**

## **U of I Extension Sangamon-Menard Counties**

The U of I Extension offers educational programs in four broad areas: 4-H/youth development; family; nutrition and consumer sciences; community and economic development; and agriculture, horticulture and natural resources. U of I Extension has programs that can help you put knowledge to work.

**CALL 217/782-4617**

**[wwwextensionuiucedu](http://wwwextensionuiucedu)**



## Washington Park Botanical Garden

The WPBG offers educational programs in plant science to preschool through 8th grade classes and to youth groups.



A wide range of age-appropriate programs have been developed to complement local school curricula. Walking tours of the 20-acre garden are available year-round.

**CALL 217/753-6228**

## Youth Enrichment Services



YES at Lincoln Land Community College provides a variety of fun and challenging educational programs for K-12 students. These non-credit programs are designed to expand and supplement the regular classroom curriculum and provide students with the chance to discover new avenues of study, meet and make new friends, experience unique educational challenges, and view the expanding possibilities for future educational choices.

**CALL 217/786-2464**  
[www.llcc.cc.il.us/YES](http://www.llcc.cc.il.us/YES)

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